

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 8, 2008

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on Monday, December 8, 2008 in Room, 140 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Duba called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

The following Commissioners were present for roll call:

President Duba
Vice President Tanberg
Treasurer Freeman
Commissioner Becerra-Jones
Commissioner Jernigan
Commissioner Lesser
Commissioner Rodriguez

Introduction of audience followed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Duba reported the following:

(Commissioner Creary joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m. constituting a quorum.)

- In November, she attended all scheduled committee meetings.
- On November 13, 2008, President Duba and Treasurer Freeman visited Commissioner Mummey. President Duba shared a photo taken of the three of them. Commissioner Mummey would like to receive the Commission's monthly minutes.
- She attended, along with Commissioner Lesser, the November 18th Board of Supervisors meeting, where Commissioner Betty Rosenstein was honored by Supervisor Don Knabe for 23 years of service on the Probation Commission. Commissioner Rosenstein was one of the Charter Commissioners on the Los Angeles County Commission for Women. President Duba gave Commissioner Rosenstein a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commission.
- On December 1, 2008, she attended the Oath of Office for Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Fifth District. The Oath of Office Ceremonies, were also held for Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, Second District. She was pleased to hear that Supervisor Ridley-Thomas is committed to re-opening King Drew Hospital.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 10, 2008

On motion of Commissioner Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, and motion carried, with Commissioner Jernigan abstaining, the minutes of November 10, 2008

were approved with the following additions/corrections: Page 5 and 6: Domestic Violence ~~Grants~~ *Donations*...

STAFF REPORT

Staff reported the following:

- Next year's Governor's Conference will be held on October 27, 2009.
- Ethics Training is available online. Ms. Rangel will register all interested.
- The Commission's office received the official resignation for Commissioner ZeBrack. Third District is aware that there is currently no Commissioner representation.
- President Duba, Commissioners Becerra-Jones and Creary were recently re-appointed to the Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On November 13, 2008, Treasurer Freeman and President Duba met with Sandra Barbee, Chief, and Rhonda Rangel, Staff of Commission Services to review the Treasurer's rules for the Trust Fund. Treasurer Freeman will provide recommendations from that meeting in 2009.

Treasurer Freeman reported on the expendable allowance for the month of October 2008. The beginning balance as of October was \$7,364.29; flex spending expenditures were \$0.00; ending balance is \$7,364.29. The carry-over for November Flex Spending Allocation is \$2,825.89.

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REPORT ON THE 10TH ANNUAL LA COUNTY RUN FOR HEALTH

(Commissioner Pinedo joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.)

President Duba reported that the 10th Annual LA County Run for Health net profit is \$22,103.43 adding the 2008 reserve fund there is \$32,103.43 for the 2008 Scholarship Fund. (Report on file in Commission office). The scholarship reception will be held in January 2009 to issue 32 - \$1,000 scholarships.

The 2009 LA County Run for Health is scheduled for September 26, 2009. President Duba and Commissioner Lesser will co-chair the event. Supervisor Don Knabe, Fourth District is the Honorary Chair and is very supportive. He graciously donated \$700 toward the scholarship reception. Deputy Gail Tierney has begun to work with staff on the planning.

Commissioner Creary commended President Duba for an outstanding job in planning the Run/Walk event for 10 consecutive years.

APPROVAL OF THE 2008 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

On motion of Treasurer Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Lesser and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the 2008 Scholarship Recipients. List is on file in the Commission office.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL TO DONATE \$5,000 FOR 5 ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS IN THE NURSING FIELD

Following discussion, on motion of Treasurer Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Lesser, with a friendly amendment, motion duly carries, with Commissioner Jernigan voting nay, the Commission approved to donate \$10,000 for 5 additional Scholarship Recipients in the Nursing Field.

2009 AWARDS LUNCHEON AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Lesser announced the 2009 Women of the Year Awardees for Community-At-Large:

Business Labor - **Stephanie Klasky-Gamer**, President and CEO, Los Angeles Family Housing since 2007, with more than fifteen years of national experience in social and economic justice work, particularly in real estate finance and development of low income housing for women and children.

Education – **Lisa Marin, M.S.W., L.C.S.W.**, Director of the Family Services Division, Para Los Niños, she leads a team of 30 in providing therapeutic and family support services to nearly 3,500 families each year. A licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), has spent 17 years focusing her efforts on preventing child abuse and neglect in Los Angeles' most impoverished communities.

Health – **Nena P. Messina, Ph.D.**, Research Criminologist for UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs. For the past decade, Dr. Messina has been a tireless advocate for treatment needs of substance-dependent women. Her research and publications in this area has educated state and county policy makers to improve treatment for incarcerated women.

Law/Public Safety – **Gail Pincus, L.C.S.W.**, Executive Director of the Domestic Violence Abuse Center, she has been a powerful advocate for abused women. Ms. Pincus has spent her career educating and training law enforcement officers, prosecutors, defense attorneys and juries as to the inter-working of Domestic Violence relationships and abusers. She is the founder of Domestic Violence Abuse Response Team (D.A.R.T.).

Media – **Paulette Pearson Washington**, Actress and Philanthropist, and accomplished stage and screen actress, singer, musical performer and mentor to women in the Arts. Mrs. Washington tirelessly volunteers her time at her church on behalf of homeless women and domestic violence victims. Through her philanthropic work she has made

several trips to Africa to address women's issues, in particular, AIDS in women and many other health issues.

Staff member Twila P. Kerr reported the following:

- Corporate Sponsor letters were mailed.
- Entertainment for the luncheon will be provided by the Pasadena Women's Project.
- A letter of invitation was sent to Michaela Pereira to participate in the luncheon as Mistress of Ceremonies.
- The luncheon colors are purple, lavender, lilac and white.
- The Commission's website has current awards luncheon information.
- The next mailing will be the Corporate Sponsor letters announcing the Awardees.
- The Committee is working on a new format for this year's invitation.
- Luncheon tickets are \$85.00 and \$850.00 for a table of ten.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee: Commissioner Lesser requested that the Commission agendaize the "Go Red Campaign" with the American Heart Association and the Office of Women's Health for the meeting in January 2009.

Legislation Committee: Commissioner Jernigan would like the Commission to invite a representative from the District Attorney's Office to address the issue of destroying rape victims DNA.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Geneviève Clavreul is pleased with Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' motion to ensure the re-opening of King Drew Hospital.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Lesser reported that Karla Kerlin, Glendale Commission has been appointed to the bench.

Commissioner Creary reported the following:

She attended the funeral services of Mrs. Ethel Bradley, Former Los Angeles City First Lady on December 5th at A.M.E. Church. The Commission remembered Mrs. Bradley with a moment of silence.

- On November 14, 2008, she attended the Lorraine Jackson Foundation Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner at the Four Seasons Hotel, Doheny Dr., Beverly Hills.
- The National Association of University Women, Annual Scholarship Luncheon, honoring women who make a difference, including Areva Martin, Esq. and Ida

McKay, professional and civic activist awards recipient at the Sheraton Hotel on November 28, 2008.

- Swearing-In Ceremony newly elected Second District Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas on December 1, 2008.
- Meeting regarding strategies-reopening of MLK Hospital on December 7, 2008.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA (to be presented and placed on a future agenda):

None presented.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Reiko Duba, President
Bobbi Jean Tanberg, Vice President
Peggy Freeman, Treasurer
Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.
Ruth Jernigan
Charlotte Lesser
Michelle Pinedo
Olivia Rodríguez

EXCUSED

Karin Davalos
Wadie Gravely
Janet Mummey, Esq.

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Rhonda Rangel, Twila Kerr and Nyla Jefferson Executive Office
Helen Berberian, Deputy, Fifth Supervisorial District

GUESTS

Rose Borja
Carol Cralsan
Geneviève Clavreul
Sister Anne Kelley
H. Lee
Angela Parker
Ben Scharmer
Sharon Wie
Pat Wilson